

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **February 25, 2005** the Examiner reviewed claims 1-30. Claims 1-5, 9-15, 19-25, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gross et al. (USPub 2004/0078723, hereinafter "Gross"). Claims 6-8, 16-18, and 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected as being anticipated by Gross.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to include allowable limitations from dependent claims 6, 16, and 26, respectively. Dependent claims 6, 16, and 26 have been canceled without prejudice. Dependent claims 7, 17, and 27 have been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-5 and 7-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-15 and 17-20, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 22-25 and 27-30, which depend upon claim 21, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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